

ALL HOLLENBACK LIKES WORK OF STRAUS—HE'S MADE STAR LINE-SMASHER LEADER OF SCRUBS

EVEN A STAR FALLS AND KEADY PROVES SOME STAR DROPPER

Lehigh Tutor, a Strict Disciplinarian, Adopts Unique System to Make Rookie Headliner Follow Training Rules Observed by Football Men

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THIS training indulged in by a football player is more strenuous than in any other line of sport. An athlete of the gridiron has his work cut out for him from the very first day and must adhere strictly to all of the rules until the final whistle blows.

There are numerous ways to enforce training rules, but Tom Keady, coach at Lehigh, uses a method all his own. He follows the line of least resistance, but always proves to the wayward athlete that the straight and narrow path is the best one to follow until after Thanksgiving.

A few years ago a sensational player came out for the team and made good in the first week. He could carry the ball through the line, skirt the end, forward pass and punt, and in addition had a world of speed.

Smith, however, took himself seriously and knew as well as any one that he was a good player. He was a natural athlete and it was an easy matter to master the play.

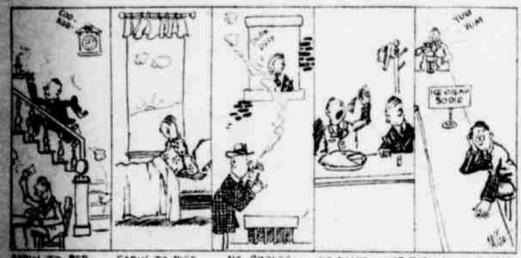
Keady spoke to him about his habits several times, but Smith replied that he knew what he was doing and always was in the best of shape.

"I deliver the goods on the football field," he told Keady, "and as long as I do that you shouldn't kick about how I spend my time. I can take care of myself and you needn't worry."

THE coach, however, was worried over his star performer and decided to try heroic measures to improve his nocturnal habits.

Keady Tries New System on Mr. Smith

THE following Wednesday Tom was ready with a new plan. On that day the varsity and scrub teams at Lehigh have the longest scrimmage of the week and they go to it like the bitterest rivals.



Before the practice Keady asked Smith how he was feeling. Smith said he felt well enough to play the entire game himself. That gave the coach an idea. Calling the quarterback on the scrubs over to him he said: "Smith will play with your team today and I want you to give him the ball on every play. Do I forget this for I mean every word of it. Nobody but Smith carries the ball until the scrimmage is over."

Then he told his varsity ends, Sawdell and Green, that Smith would be the man to watch, as he was slated to do all of the ground gaining.

Smith started out like a house afire. He tore through the line, skirted the ends and punted, but Sawdell and Green hurried him to the ground every time. He kept it up for an hour, showing wonderful grit and endurance, but soon the pace began to tell. He would stagger to his position, set the ball and reel into the line, where every member of the varsity seemed to take special delight in jumping on him.

Finally he fell flat on his face when trying to get down into position, but even then he wouldn't quit. He staggered to his feet, tried to get set again and fell over backward. He was all in, and when he rose again, feeling like a drunken man, Keady patted him on the back and said:

"That's enough football for you today, Smith. You're not in very good shape. Take four laps around the track."

Smith gritted his teeth and started, careening from one side to the other. His courage was magnificent, but his tired body would not respond to his will. After about fifty yards he pitched forward on his face and was helped into the dressing room. There Keady delivered a lecture on the proper method of training and told Smith what to do in the future.

THREE days later Smith was able to report for practice. Every bone and muscle in his body ached and he still felt the effects of the grueling grind. When he reported to Keady he said: "I'm cured, coach. I've been kidding myself a long time, but you convinced me I am wrong. If I'm out late again I hope I get arrested."

How Tom Proved He Was the Boss at Lehigh

KEADY had another experience which has been recounted before but will bear repeating. Early in his career as football coach he discovered about a dozen of his best players were regular night owls, and more than that, they didn't care who knew it.

"I used to meet them at all hours of the night," said Tom, "and they never made an attempt to dodge behind trees or pass on the other side of the street to give a chance to overlook it. No, sir! They always greeted me hilariously, and I soon saw I had my work cut out for me."



Tom wasn't very well known at that time and the players had visions of a pleasant season ahead. The coach never rebuked them for smoking or staying up late; in fact, never mentioned it on or off the field. But Keady was thinking all of the time, for it was up to him to prove who was boss.

One night he met his athletes in the wee small hours and joined the party. He smoked cigarettes with them, sang songs, told stories and everything else. He was one of the gang and made just as much noise as the freshmen. The players were overjoyed. They had discovered a coach who was a regular fellow and who could enjoy himself off the football field without talking shop. They cheered him every five minutes and then smoked another cigarette. A pleasant time was being had by all.

As the golden sun was peeping over the eastern horizon Keady left the merry party while they sang "He's a jolly good fellow." He asked the men, however, to report at the gymnasium at noon for a little talk on football.

Every man was there on time, and Tom said that practice would be suspended with for the day and the boys could go out and take a stroll through the country. He would wait for them at the gym. The orders were carried out, but the result was different from what was expected. Two happy trainers accompanied the squad and set a fast pace over the hills and through the woods. They walked for five hours and when a tired athlete dropped by the wayside he was forcibly jerked to his feet and pushed ahead, for the trainers also were handy with their fists.

That night when the tired athletes dragged themselves into the gym, too tired even to take off their clothes, Keady was waiting for them.

"I'll meet you at the same place tonight, boys, and we'll have another party," he said. "Anybody want a cigarette?"

The team's answer was "Yes, yes."



SOPP, SWIM STAR AND SAILOR, DIES VICTIM OF "FLU"

Middle Atlantic Champion and Record Holder Succumbs After Short Illness at Home

Ernest W. Sopp, one of the best middle-distance swimmers ever developed in the city, died last night, a victim of epidemic influenza and pneumonia. He was stationed in the navy and stationed at Pier No. 19.

Sopp died most of his swimming time at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Philadelphia Yacht Club and the Philadelphia Rowing Club. He was a member of the Philadelphia Yacht Club and the Philadelphia Rowing Club.

The most recent and prominent event in which Sopp took part was the national championship which was contested over the Delaware river course. He finished second to Leo Global, the best New York boy, but the officials of the meet disqualified him for failing to swim between certain buoys which marked the finishing line.

Sopp holds many local and Middle Atlantic swimming records. His last drive against best previous performances being in the Middle Atlantic half-mile championship in August, which was held at the Lafayette course in the Schuylkill.

Sopp had been ill only since last Friday. He left Pier 19 on Friday to visit his home and influenza overtook him that night. Pneumonia developed on Sunday.

Rube Washburn, another famous athlete, is critically ill with influenza. Washburn is the former Catholic High basketball League basketball and League baseball star.

Aiken, Auto Driver, Dies Indianapolis, Oct. 14.—John Aiken, one of the best automobile race drivers in America, died here today of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. He had raced in all seasons of the country and had participated in most of the big automobile races since that sport became popular. He was thirty-three years old.

Walker, Former Boxer, "Flu" Victim Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—John Walker, who gave the Jews a scare at the Olympia boxing club, is dead of influenza. Walker was a former professional boxer, having fought a number of times at the Olympia and National.

Hiller, Athlete, Pneumonia Victim William J. Hiller, captain of the Catholic High School basketball team in 1917, died yesterday of pneumonia. He had participated in most of the big athletic events in Philadelphia. He was thirty-three years old.

Influenza Takes "Skip" McCarthy New York, Oct. 14.—The athletic authorities of Anderson College notified the Columbia football management yesterday that they had accepted the date of November 2 for a game between the systems of the two institutions. Columbia now has two games arranged, as New York University will meet the Blue and White on the gridiron November 23.

JOE STRAUS DEMOTED TO PENN SCRUB TEAM

Last Year's Star Fades and Coach Hollenback Will Try Out Newcomers in Varsity Backfield

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK Straus acts as if he's a varsity halfback already. He isn't, but just a scrubman and he'll remain on the scrubs until he shows me that he belongs on the varsity. I play no favorites. Not a man on the team is sure of his position, just as soon as a scrub player shows improvement he goes over to the varsity and another man goes back. Every one will be given an equal chance.

Straus' "Rep" in Danger The poor playing of Straus has been the talk of the campus, and many students are becoming convinced that his reputation as a linebreaker last year was due not so much to his own ability, but to the fact that Penn's forwards and backs made the holes in the rival defense.

In the last Saturday scrimmage game Straus' team was beaten by three touchdowns. As a leader, Joe was a "flat failure." He did nothing on the offense and less on the defense. All three touchdowns, two of which were made by Crawford, were scored through Straus' position.

The line-up for the opening game of the season against Swarthmore, on Saturday is taking material form. Coach Hollenback has virtually decided on the personnel of the line, but will not make his backfield selections until tomorrow or Friday.

Tilly Walker and Bud Hopper are the probable ends, with Joe Mitchell also well up in the running. Mitchell would have had a better chance for a starting position, but he has been working with other medical students in the battle against the "flu" and has been unable to get out for practice. He will return to the field today and start his fight for a varsity berth.

"I have better men in my position," said Coach Hollenback in way of explanation when asked concerning Straus' demotion. "I will pick the backfield on the merits of the men as they play in the daily practices here. I have heard a lot about Straus, but he hasn't shown me anything that makes me believe he is a varsity man."

"I like a man who is willing to learn and puts his whole-hearted efforts in the practice. This boy Crawford looks like a football player to me. He does not know much about college football, but he listens when I tell him anything and, better than that, he remembers it."

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In addition to the St. Columba Ave. Belmont winners last season, J. & J. Dolson's Sons and Hancock A. A. comprise the nucleus of clubs around which this season's circuit will be formed.

Last year's Young Men's Hebrew Association team is this season enlisted under the colors of the South Philadelphia Hebrew Association, and was represented last night by E. J. Black and J. Gottlieb. The only absentee from last year's line-up will be Harry Panoon, who is in training at the University of Pittsburgh. In his place the team will have his younger brother, Chick Panoon, former South Philly High star and one of the best players in the Public High School Basketball League last season.

The fifth member of the circuit will most likely be the Yours Truly five, which made a fine record in the West Philadelphia League last season.

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Foot Too Big; Can't Play on Penn Gridiron Squad

It's a tough road for any Penn student who wants to play football and has big feet. The student who has been shown at the training house has been told that the larger size and one reason may be that a member of the squad is full of influenza.

LU LU GOLF TOURNEY

Members Will Play for Walker Golf Cup Today

De George H. Zimmerman, chairman; Herman Kelmman, Recorder of Deeds; James M. Hazlett and J. F. Fryer, tournament committee of the Lehigh Country Club, announce that the competition for the Walker Golf Cup for men will be decided over the links of the club today.

Tomorrow the women of the club will strive for the coveted Walker trophy. On October 18 and 19 the tourney will be for the Thomas B. Smith Cup, the first day the competition being for men and on the 19th for women. At the conclusion of the latter contest the final dinner match of the season will be played and a tournament of the club golfers is expected.

The tournament committee is a hustling bunch and despite all the adverse conditions has been able to retain the members' interest in the varied club competitions. The remaining events are expected to have a record entry list.

Name Soccer Cup Game Referees

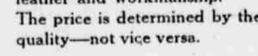
Referees appointed to officiate in first round National Cup games next Saturday are: Diaton vs. Merchants R. at Tacony; Jimmy Walder; Hug Island vs. Merion; A. Trichter; Fourth Street and Tacony; Johnny Walder; Bethlehem Steel Company vs. New York Ship, at Bethlehem, George Young.

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